

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0023]:

[0023.1] As shown in Fig. 3, the upper surface 11 of the channel is provided with marginal ridges 19, 19', extending as continuous marginal strips over the full length of the channel outside the inlet openings. Thus protection of the fragile channel portions, the inlet openings 20, 20' are situated in, is ensured.